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SUBJECT: TURKISH INFORMAL PAPER REGARDING UN HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INFORMAL PAPER DELIVERED BY TURKISH
AMBASSADOR ESENBEL TO COUNSELOR NIMETZ REGARDING CYPRUS
ISSUE AT UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FEBRUARY 6-MARCH 10
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MEETING IN GENEVA. (SEE SEPTTEL FOR REPORT OF NIMETZ-
ESENBEL CONVERSATION.)

BEGIN TEXT.

A. THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS
34TH SESSION IN GENEVA DURING FEBRUARY 6-MARCH 10, 1978.

THE AGENDA OF THE MEETINGS INCLUDES, AS IN THE PAST YEARS, THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS SESSIONS, THE COMMITTEE HAD NOT ADOPTED ANY RESOLUTION ON THE ISSUE LAST YEAR MAINLY FOR REASONS OF NOT HARMING THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS EVOLVING FROM THE DENKTASH-MAKARIOS TALKS.

B. IT IS EXPECTED HOWEVER THAT FOR PURELY POLITICAL AIMS,

THE GREEK SIDE WILL PUSH FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION THIS YEAR, THAT INCLUDES REFERENCES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, RETURN OF ALL REFUGEES, PREVENTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES IN THE ISLAND AND THE MISSING PERSONS ISSUES.

C. TURKEY IS OPPOSED TO SUCH MOVES FOR VARIOUS REASONS:

-- THIS IS THE ONLY PERIOD IN MORE THAN A DECADE WHERE NO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CYPRUS. WHILE HAVING BEEN TOTALLY INACTIVE WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WERE TAKING PLACE DURING THE 1963-74 PERIOD, THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS THIS TIME WILL ONLY BE AN UNNECESSARY LOSS OF TIME AND CONTRADICT ITS OBJECTIVES.

-- REFERENCES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS WILL BE TANTAMOUNT TO ASKING THE COMMITTEE TO ENDORSE RESOLUTIONS
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OF A POLITICAL NATURE.

-- EXCEPT FOR A FEW SHOW-CASE REFUGEE CAMPS KEPT FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, THERE IS TODAY NO HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION IN CYPRUS. A RESOLUTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CALLING FOR RETURN OF ALL REFUGEES WILL NOT ONLY MEAN ASKING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO DECIDE ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE ISLAND, BUT WILL ALSO CONTRADICT THE POLITICAL GUIDELINES ARRIVED AT IN DENKTASH-MAKARIOS TALKS IN FEBRUARY 1977.

-- ALLEGATIONS ON CHANGING THE DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF THE ISLAND IS A GROUNDLESS CHARGE INVENTED BY THE GREEK SIDE.

-- TURKEY'S VIEWS AND POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF MISSING PERSONS IS WELL KNOWN. THE GREEK SIDE HAD DWELT MORE ON THE PROPAGANDA ASPECT OF IT THAN IN SINCERE PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO ITS SOLUTION. MAKARIOS HAD HIMSELF ADMITTED IN HIS TALKS WITH DENKTASH THAT ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF MISSING PERSONS STANDS AROUND 35-40, HE MENTIONS THE NUMBER 2000 FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. A MUTUALLY AGREED

JOINT COMMITTEE INCLUDING GREEK-CYPRIOT RED CROSS AND
TURKISH-CYPRIOT RED CRESCENT REPRESENTATIVES PROVED TO BE
FUTILE BECAUSE THE GREEK SIDE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE RED
CRESCENT FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

D. THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL IS CONTINUING HIS CONTACTS
TO ACTIVATE THE RECENT RESOLUTION OF TH. THIRD COMMITTEE
FOR A NEW MECHANISM IN SOLVING THE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE.
THE GREEK APPEAL TO YET ANOTHER ORGAN OF THE UN WHILE

THESE CONTACTS ARE UNDERWAY IS A PROOF OF THE EXPLOITATION
OF THE ISSUE.

E. IT WOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE
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THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN HUMAN
RIGHTS ISSUES PER SE AND ARTIFICIALLY CREATED QUESTIONS
FOR POLITICAL EXPLOITATION. OTHERWISE, NOT ONLY WILL THE
SERIOUSNESS OF THE STUDY OF REAL ISSUES BE HAMPERED,
BUT POLITICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE EXISTING PROBLEMS WILL
ALSO BE COMPLICATED, IF NOT DELAYED.

F. IN THE FORTHCOMING DELIBERATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS, TURKEY WILL SEEK,
AS IN THE PAST YEARS, THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MR. VEDAT
CELIK BE RECOGNIZED THE RIGHT OF SPEECH AS REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. SUCH REPRESENTA-
TION WILL BOTH BE IN LINE WITH THE 1974 GENEVA DECLARATION
ON CYPRUS RECOGNIZING THE EXISTENCE OF TWO AUTONOMOUS
ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE ISLAND, AND IS ALSO A PREREQUISITE
OF A JUST AND FAIR EVALUATION OF THE POINTS AT ISSUE.

G. IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF THE UNITED STATES
DELEGATION WILL LEND ITS SUPPORT TO THE TURKISH POSITION
SO THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE'S WORK MAY NOT BE
EXPLOITED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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